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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO UNION COUNTY POLICE MURDER INVESTIGATION

1. AS PART OF AN ONGOING INVESTIGATION INTO THE MURDER OF AN ELY SMITH, UNION COUNTY POLICE, NEW JERSEY, HAVE ASKED ARP TO REQUEST EMBASSY APPROACH ABU DHABI DEFENSE FORCE (ADDF) OR OTHER POSSIBLE PURCHASER FOR PATROL BOATS IN ABU DHABI AND INQUIRE WHETHER ABU DHABI AUTHORITIES WERE EMPLOYING CONTRACT EXPO INTERNATIONAL OF MOUNTAINSIDE, NEW JERSEY, OR TACOMA BOAT COMPANY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON. CONTRACT EXPO IS A "FINDER FIRM" WHICH FINDS US MANUFACTURERS OF EQUIPMENT FOREIGN BUYERS WISH TO PURCHASE. TACOMA BOAT MAKES PATROL BOATS.

2. UNION COUNTY POLICE ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN KNOWING
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WHETHER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS, REPORTEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH CONTRACT EXPO, HAVE BEEN IN ABU DHABI IN CONNECTION WITH SOME ABU DHABI CUSTOMER'S INTEREST IN A NAVAL PATROL BOAT PURCHASE. INDIVIDUALS ARE: ELY SMITH,

THE MURDER VICTIM, RALPH P. STEIN, ONE OF THE SUSPECTS IN
THE MURDER, AND AN ITALIAN NATIONAL NAMED RENATO SPERA.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE INQUIRIES IN THIS CASE AS IF IT WERE
A NORMAL OPERATIONAL MATTER AND SHOULD IN NO WAY INDICATE
TO LOCAL OFFICIALS THAT COMPANIES OR INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED
IN THIS CABLE ARE UNDER SUSPICION FOR ANY CRIME OR OTHER
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